

Chambers of District Judge Marcia S. Krieger *continued*

Legal Practice: Law Clerk and Associate, Mason, Reuler & Peek (1976-1983); Litigation Associate, Smart, DeFurio, Brooks, Eklund & McClure (1983); Associate then Shareholder, Brooks & Krieger (1983-1988); Of Counsel then Shareholder, Wood, Riz & Hames (1988-1990); Law Office of Marcia S. Krieger (1990-1994)

Chambers of District Judge Robert E. Blackburn

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Robert E. Blackburn
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Western State Col 1972 BA; Colorado 1974 JD
Began Service: March 8, 2002
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Government: Deputy District Attorney (part-time), 16th Judicial District (1980-1986); County Attorney, County of Bent, Colorado (1980-1988)

Judicial: Municipal Judge (1985-1988); Judge, 16th Judicial District of Colorado (1988-2002)

Legal Practice: Law Clerk, Oakley Wade Law Office (1975); Partner, Wade & Blackburn (1975-1980); Private Practice (1980-1988)

Staff

Law Clerk **Jeffrey P. Kelson** (303) 335-2350
Education: Colorado 1985 JD
Law Clerk **Hazel Landwehr Porter** (303) 335-2350
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Phillip S. Figa
District Judge

Appointed By: President George W. Bush

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Richard P. Matsch
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1930
Education: Michigan 1951 AB, 1953 JD
Began Service: 1974
Appointed By: President Richard M. Nixon

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, District of Colorado, United States Department of Justice (1959-1961); Deputy City Attorney, City of Denver, Colorado (1961-1963)

Judicial: Bankruptcy Judge, United States District Court for the District of Colorado (1965-1974)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1956-1959); Private Practice (1963-1965)

Military Service: United States Army (1953-1955)

Staff

Secretary **Ginger Wentz** (303) 844-4627

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John Lawrence Kane
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1937
Education: Colorado 1958 BA; Denver 1960 JD, 1997 LLD
Began Service: 1977
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Academic: Instructor, Metropolitan State College of Denver (1975); Adjunct Professor, University of Denver (1976); Guest Lecturer, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland (1989); Distinguished Visiting Professor, University of Denver (1994)

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Colorado District Court, Seventeenth Judicial District

Government: Deputy District Attorney, State of Colorado (1961-1962); Public Defender, Adams County, State of Colorado (1964-1967); Deputy Director, Eastern Region of India, Peace Corps (1967-1969)

Legal Practice: Gaunt, Byrne & Dirrim (1961-1962); Partner, Andrews & Kane (1963-1964); Partner, Holme, Roberts & Owen (1970-1977)

Staff

Permanent Law Clerk **Karen Robertson** (303) 844-6118
Education: William & Mary 1986 BA; Virginia 1989 JD
Permanent Law Clerk **Kris Tita** (303) 844-6118
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Zita L. Weinshienk
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1933
Education: Arizona 1955 BA; Harvard 1958 JD
Began Service: October 10, 1979
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Probation Counselor, Legal Advisor and Referee, Denver Juvenile Court (1959-1964); Judge, Denver Municipal Court (1964-1965); Judge, Denver County Court (1965-1971); Judge, Denver District Court (1972-1979)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Bar Foundation; Colorado Bar Association; Colorado Bar Foundation; Colorado Women's Bar Association; Denver Bar Association; Denver League of Women Voters; District Judges' Association of the Tenth Circuit, Past President; Federal Judges Association; Harvard Law School Association; National Conference of Federal Trial Judges, Past Chair; Women's Forum of Colorado

Staff

Law Clerk **Nancy N. Potter** (303) 844-2784
Education: American U 1995 JD
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Daniel B. Sparr
Senior Judge

Date of Birth: 1931
Education: Denver 1952 BS, 1966 MD
Began Service: April 26, 1990
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Academic: Part-time faculty, Arapahoe Community College (1974-1978); Part-time faculty, Metropolitan State College of Denver (1979-1989)

Corporate: Staff Technician, Servicing Representative and Street Address Directory Representative, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph (1955-1959); Communications Representative, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company (1959-1962); Traffic Chief, Acting Traffic Manager, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Company (1962-1963); Sales Administration, Vice President, Brad Wolfe Construction (1963-1964); Salesman and Administration (part-time), Brad Wolfe Construction Company (1964)

Judicial: Judge, Colorado District Court, Second Judicial District (1977-1990)

Legal Practice: Associate, White & Steele (1966-1970); Attorney, Office of the General Counsel, Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph (1970-1971); Partner, White & Steele (1971-1974); Law Offices of Wesley H. Doan (1974-1975); Private Practice (1975-1977)

Military Service: United States Air Force (1952-1955)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; American Board of Trial Advocates; American Inns of Court; Denver Bar Association; William E. Doyle Inn of Court

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Eileen O'Connor Barnes** (303) 844-4694
Education: Colorado 1988 JD
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Patricia A. Coan
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1945
Education: Georgetown 1967 BSN; Denver 1981 JD
Began Service: October 15, 1996
Term Expires: October 2012
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1982-1996)

Current Memberships: Colorado Bar Association; Denver Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; Women's Bar Association

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Education: Willamette 1988 BS; Colorado 1992 JD
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**Michael J. Watanabe**
Magistrate Judge

Began Service: February 12, 1999
Term Expires: February 11, 2007

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Alison Andrews** (303) 844-2403
Education: Pace 1980 BBA; Albany Law 1983 JD
Courtroom Deputy **Shelley Moore** (303) 335-2091
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Boyd N. Boland
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1954
Education: Columbia 1980 JD
Began Service: February 2000
Term Expires: February 2008

Academic: Assistant Professor, Mississippi College School of Law (1984-1985)

Clerkships: Law Clerk The Honorable Paul V. Hodges, Colorado Supreme Court (1980-1981)

Legal Practice: Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP (1981-1984); Holme Roberts & Owen, LLP (1985-2000)

Current Memberships: American Intellectual Property Law Association; American Law Institute

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Renee Christian** (303) 844-6408
Courtroom Deputy **Geneva Mattei** (303) 335-2061
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Craig B. Shaffer
Magistrate Judge

Date of Birth: 1954
Education: Tulane 1979 JD
Began Service: January 18, 2001
Term Expires: January 18, 2009

Government: United States Department of Justice (1983-1991)

Legal Practice: Dufford & Brown, P.C. (1991-1999); Giles, O'Keefe, Verneire & Gorrel, LLP (2000-2001)

Military Service: United States Navy JAG Corps (1979-1983)

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